

78 profusion of every thing of the kind & no one then to eat it & feeling a great desire that their longing & craving for vegetables should be satisfied & knowing that I had such an abundance I set out on my journey with a bag to procure a good allowance for them. but the grass was very high & very difficult to get through & by the time I had got my vegetables in the bag & was on my way back to my boarding house the Sun was nearly down but still I pressed on with all my might (which was not much then) till at length the sun had withdrawn his rays from the earth altogether & the world was enveloped in gloomy folds of darkness.

but still I proceeded & by verging too much westward lost my way altogether at length I heard what appeared to me the terrific sound of deep water gurgling with solemn & potent murmur at my feet forbidding me at the peril of my life to go one step further.

then I laid my weary body down in the dreary & dark Prairie with the unpleasant consideration that I must have got very near home but just missed it & all the horror of a dark & dreary night in the prairie glared forth like a tiger eye upon my mind but the dreary foreboding dismal as they were did not come up to the dreadful reality as I had not lain down 5 minutes before a broad & terrific gleam of lightning glared along the Prairie gloom making the darkness appear more